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## Statues of Abraham Lincoln

John Paulding

Excerpts from newspapers and other sources

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be sometime The end of november - In The meautime if you happen to be in Chicago you could see This portrack in the Lencoln Library at the Chilago University - and perhaps you could give me some idea of what it is worth to you thanking you for your hind inquiry Sincerely yours 315 S. Kedgewood hd. Jane Paulding Sorange Go claude mills

October 16, 1935

Mrs. John Paulding 315 South Ridgewood Road South Orange, New Jersey

My dear Mrs. Paulding:

Thank you very much for your answer to my inquiry of recent date about the Lincoln bust. When you return home in November, you might care to send us a photograph of it but I fear we will not be able to appraise it for you as that is strictly against our rules.

Possibly if you come to the point of disposing of it, you might advise us at what price you are holding it.

Very truly yours,

Director

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## American Art Bronze Foundry

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4921-31 W. LAKE STREET

Dr. Louis A. Warren, Lincoln National Life Foundation, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

CHICAGO December 5, 1935.

RE: Lincoln Relief --- Plaque. Paulding-

Dear Dr. Warren:

Mrs. John Paulding of Park Ridge Illinois has intrusted to my care at this date your letter of October 2nd. During the late Mr. Paulding's life it so happened that we were intimate friends, and accordingly worked out numerous projects together. The Bronze sculptured inscription panel which we furnished you last December happened to be one of Mr. Paulding's last sculptures.

Mrs. Paulding was not aware that a Lincoln head existed, until of my advice last evening that such a head had been executed for us back in 1931 when we were considering a monumental project. No doubt you have reference to this model in your letter, tho I can not see how this information reached you in view of the fact that this bust has not been outside of our hands at anytime.

This bust portraiture of Lincoln, as executed by the late John Paulding is an outstanding piece of sculpture, and should easily meet your requirements. In its study the life mask of Lincoln was used, and accuracy of portraiture is thereby guaranteed. I hardly feel that judgement could be passed thereon thru photographic medium. especially that photographs would be made from the plaster model.

I shall accordingly welcome the opportunity of presenting this bust, as also a Lincoln relief plaque, for your considerations. Naturally you will be interested as to their cost, and it is agreeable to outline the following:

> One (1) cast bronze bust of Lincoln (by Paulding) 17" overall, base 14" across front, and 9" depth, for the sum of-----\$350.00

One (1) cast bronze relief plaque of Lincoln (by Paulding) 12" x 14", mounted on a Mahogany wood panel 15" x 18", for the sum of-----\$90.00

Same bronze placque as above but unmounted, the sum of----

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The prices quoted consider only the highest type of craftsmanship, as follows:

Genuine Cast Bronze (Read BRONZE FACTS), finished thruout of Superior Craftsmanship, and furnished with dowels for anchoring if required. Delivery F.O.B. Cars (Boxed) Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Patine as will be required to meet conditions of lighting effect of particular locations to which each piece would be subjected on placement in your library.

Believing the the late Mr. Paulding's sculptures should be seen to be appreciated to their fullest extent, it will be my pleasure to extend this facility by coming to Fort Wayne with the models, prices oulined herein agreeable. It will be the writer's convenience to see you in Fort Wayne this coming week anytime, Saturday excepted.

With kindest personal regards, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

AMERICAN ART BRONZE FOUNDRY

Jules Berchem & Son-

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December 6, 1935

Mr. Alfred J. Berchem American Art Bronze Foundry 4921-31 W. Lake St. Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Berchem:

While we are very much interested in Mrs. Spaulding's work, I have had some correspondence already with Mrs. Spaulding, but we do not have sufficient appropriation here to anticipate the acquisition of any items which you mention, so I think it would be useless for you to come to Fort Wayne to exhibit them, as no funds are available for their purchase.

he thank you, however, for calling the items to our attention, and if the time ever comes when we have sufficient budget to consider them, we will be pleased to do so.

Very truly yours,

LAW: EB

Director Lincoln National Life Foundation

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